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## RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 28, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this amendment. Reconsideration and continued examination is respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.